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- 1. AFTER A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE PALACE ON MORNING OF AUGUST 27, PRESIDENT MARCOS CALLED FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO AND ME INTO HIS OFFICE FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION. HE OPENED HIS REMARKS BY EXPRESSING HIS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR WASHINGTON DECISION TO ALLOCATE TO THE PHILIPPINES SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA.
- 2. MARCOS THEN TURNED TO ISSUE OF RENEGOTIATING U.S.
  MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT. HE SAID HE WAS KEENLY AWARE
  HE HAD NOT YET PROVIDED ME WITH CONCRETE PHILIPPINE
  DESIDERATA ALTHOUGH HE HAD LAID OUT SOME CONCEPTS IN BOOK
  AND BRIEFING GIVEN US DURING MANSFIELD VISIT. HE RECALLED
  HIS EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH HABIB IN WHICH HE HAD SUGGESTED
  OCTOBER AS TIME FOR OPENING NEGOTIATIONS.
- 3. IN ORDER TO MEET SUCH A DATE, MARCOS SAID HE WISHED TO PRESENT ME A PAPER PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF ROMULO FOR NEW YORK. HE INSTRUCTED ROMULO TO WORK WITH DEFENSE SECRET

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SECRETARY ENRILE TO DEVELOP SUCH A PAPER FOR A SUBSEQUENT

## MEETING WITH ME ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 4.

4. IF THIS PAPER IS AS SPECIFIC AS I HAVE SOUGHT, IT SHOULD FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FIRST STAGE IN THE PROCESS SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL. DEPENDING ON NATURE OF THE PAPER WHICH I RECEIVE, I EXPECT TO HAVE SOME COMMENTS AND REFINEMENTS ON THAT PROCESS FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.
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